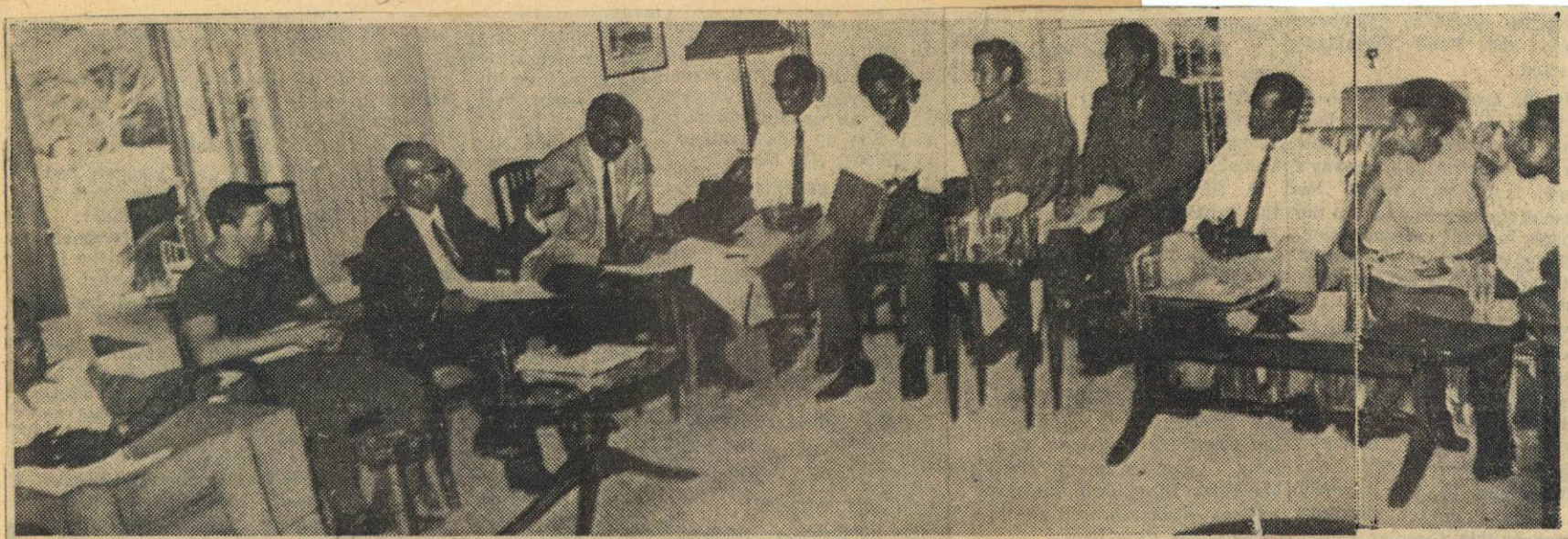




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Steelband research council to be set up

THE Prime Minister held the fourth of a series of meetings with steelband leaders on Friday afternoon.

Present at this meeting were Senator Carlton Gomes, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister for Public Relations and General Information; Mr. Julian Goddard, secretary of the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Steelbandmen; and 18 steelbandmen representing 13 steelbands.

Arising out of the decisions made at the meeting, it was agreed that:

Cabinet's decision to establish a Steelband Research Council should be accepted.

Un-sponsored bands should write the Prime Minister for his assistance in obtaining sponsors.

There should be a Steelband Co-operative, to manufacture pans and that Government should be a minority partner in the co-operative.

There should be more projection of steelband music on radio and television.

They also agreed with the suggestion that all steelbands should meet the Minister of Labour and Social Security to discuss the co-operative project.

● PICTURE above shows the Prime Minister and the steelband representatives. Lone woman present was Miss Marcelle Roberts, representing Tobago All Stars.